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b. Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 22. (Cancelled)

23. (New) A wrap configured as a sleeve that is selectively variable in peripheral size for applying a thermal pad to a variably selected body portion, comprising:

an elongated flexible strip of elastic material having elasticity in the direction of elongation, having first and second end portions joined together such that the strip is configured as a sleeve having an inner face and an outer face, and having a mid-portion between said first and second end portions of said strip;

a sheet of said flexible and elastic material secured to a face of said strip at said mid-portion thereof and forming at least one pocket having at least one opening such that said pocket is adapted to receive a prepackaged thermal pad therein through said at least one opening;

an attachment element joined to said sleeve and extending from the outer face of the sleeve in a position enabling the sleeve to be selectively varied in peripheral size by commonly drawing the attachment element and a drawn portion of the sleeve around a remaining portion of the sleeve; and

a fastening means extending along the entire surface of said elongated flexible strip, sufficiently engageable with said attachment element to secure the drawn portion of the sleeve to any surface portion of the sleeve in drawn position, in a wrapped configuration around a selected body portion.

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24. (New) The wrap as claimed in claim 23, wherein:

said attachment element is joined to said sleeve at the junction of said first and second end portions of the flexible and elastic material such that the attachment element is enabled to draw the first and second end portions around a remaining portion of the sleeve.

25. (New) An improved wrap suited for applying a thermal pad to any of various different selected body portions of different sizes, wherein the wrap is of a type having a pocket defining at least one opening adapting the pocket to receive a prepackaged thermal pad therein through said opening and having first and second longitudinally elongated flexible and elastic compression bands that are elastic in the direction of elongation, wherein each compression band is connected to an opposite edge of said pocket and extends away from the pocket to a respective distal end of each band, the first and second bands together having sufficient length for applying the pocket to a selected body portion by wrapping and applying compression to the body portion, wherein the improvement comprises:

at least said first compression band carries an attachment element at its respective end distal from said pocket, wherein said attachment element is adapted to releasably fasten to any selected portion of said first and second compression bands to conform and secure the wrap to a selected body portion; and

a fastening means extending along the entire surface of said first and second longitudinally elongated bands, engageable with said attachment element to secure the wrap around a selected body portion while permitting any portion of the second compression band, distal from said engaged area, to be severed from the wrap for variably adjusting the fit of the wrap to the size of the selected body portion.

26. (New) The wrap as claimed in claim 25, wherein:

said fastening means comprises first and second faces of said first and second

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compression bands, wherein both bands are formed of an elastic material that is sufficiently engageable with said attachment element along the entire surface of the first and second faces to establish an engaged area with the attachment element; and

said attachment element comprises hook fasteners adapted to engage said elastic material of said fastening means to selectively secure said strip about a desired body portion.

27. (New) The wrap as claimed in claim 26, wherein said attachment element comprises:
 a hook-type fastening strip fixed to and extending from the distal end of said first compression band and adapted to removably attach to any selected surface portion of said first and second compression bands.

28. (New) The wrap as claimed in claim 25, wherein:
 said first and second compression bands are formed of a common and continuous strip of elastic material having common first and second faces; and
 said pocket comprises:
 a mid-portion of said common and continuous strip of elastic material providing a first wall of the pocket; and
 an additional sheet of elastic material secured to one of said faces of said common and continuous strip, providing a second wall of the pocket.